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FOLLOWING USUN 5615 ACTION SECSTATE INFO GENEVA NATO TOKYO
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GA PLENARY -- CREDENTIALS, COMITE 2 REPORTS

TWO PROPOSALS CHALLENGING CREDENTIALS OF PORTUGAL (L.720)
AND KHMER REPUBLIC (L.719) WERE SUBMITTED AS GA BEGAN
CONSIDERATION DEC. 13 OF SECOND REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMITE.
THIRTY-THREE POWER AMENDMENT (L.719) WOULD ADOPT REPORT
BUT ADD "EXCEPT WITH REGARD TO CREDENTIALS OF REPS OF KHMER
REPUBLIC." SAUDI ARABIA PROPOSED KHMER CREDENTIALS BE
RECONSIDERED WHEN GA DETERMINED WHICH CONSTITUTED GOVT INSIDE
CAMBODIA WIELDED AUTHORITY OVER MAJORITY OF CAMBODIAN
PEOPLE (L.722). REPS SENEGAL, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, ALGERIA
AND CHINA EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO REPORT AND SUPPORT FOR
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AMENDMENTS. SOMALIA AND ALGERIA HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT
SAUDI SUB-AMENDMENT. BARBADOS SUPPORTED CREDENTIALS COMITE
REPORT. HAITI'S MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING WAS APPROVED
50-46-22, AND GA ADJOURNED AT 6:45 UNTIL A.M. DEC. 14.

BEFORE TAKING UP CREDENTIALS COMITE REPORT, GA ADOPTED ON BASIS COMITE 2 RECOMMENDATIONS 13 RESES RELATING, RESPECTIVELY, TO ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS AND TO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND ELECTED 19 MEMBERS TO UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL.

SALIM (TANZANIA) INTRODUCED AMENDMENT (L.720) ON BEHALF TANZANIA AND SENEGAL WHICH WOULD HAVE GA APPROVE CREDENTIALS OF PORTUGAL, ON UNDERSTANDING PORTUGAL MEANS COUNTRY AS IT EXISTS WITHIN EUROPE, AND THAT GA SHOULD REJECT CREDENTIALS OF PERSONS PURPORTING TO REPRESENT TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE DOMINATION, NAMELY, ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE AND INDEPENDENT STATE OF GUINEA BISSAU. AFRICAN DELS DID NOT WISH TO CHALLENGE CREDENTIALS OF PORTUGAL ITSELF, HE SAID, REMINDING DELS OF GA RESES CONFIRMING LEGALITY OF AFRICAN POSITION. FALL (SENEGAL) REFERRED TO THREE SC RESES BEARING ON PORTUGAL'S AUTHORITY IN WHAT IT CALLED ITS "OVERSEAS PROVINCES" AND DECISION PORTUGAL HAD NO JURISDICTION OVER THEM. AFTER SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF SIHANOUK, HE SAID GA SHOULD NOT ACCEPT KHMER CREDENTIALS.

WALDRON-RAMSEY (BARBADOS) STATED QUESTION WAS PROCEDURAL, AND RULE 28 SET OUT CREDENTIALS COMITE'S MANDATE. HE REFERRED TO VARIOUS ARGUMENTS ON INTERPRETATION, AND SAID COMITE ACTED WISELY IN NOT ACCEPTING SENEGALESE PROPOSAL TO REJECT KHMER CREDENTIALS. HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND VALUE OF CHALLENGES TO CREDENTIALS AT END OF SESSION, AND HE CALLED ON SENEGAL TO WITHDRAW ITS AMENDMENT. MICA (EQUATORIAL GUINEA) SUPPORTED GRUNK AND DENOUNCED "LON NOL GANG," CHARGED IMPERIALISTS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROLONG "THIS INTOLERABLE SITUATION," AND CALLED FOR REPUDIATION OF "LON NOL CLIQUE."

BAROODY (SAUDI ARABIA), STATING IT WAS TIME TO END THIS "FRUITLESS, PROTRACTED DEBATE," POINTED OUT CREDENTIALS COMITE HAD NO JURIDICAL POWER EXCEPT TO VERIFY SIGNATURES ON DOCUMENTS, AND OBSERVED AMENDMENT WOULD NOT UNSEAT KHMER REPS AND WOULD ONLY MEAN REVISING ALL VOTING RESULTS FOR SESSION.
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THIS WAS JURIDICAL MATTER WHICH COMITE 6 SHOULD HAVE CONSIDERED, AND IF THAT BODY UNABLE TO DECIDE ICJ SHOULD CONSIDER IT. IF DELS VOTED BY SOLIDARITY, UN WOULD TOTTER AND FALL, HE SAID. HE THEN PROPOSED AS SUB-AMENDMENT TO L.719 AFTER "EXCEPT WITH REGARD TO CREDENTIALS OF REPS OF KHMER REPUBLIC" TO ADD "THAT SHOULD BE RECONSIDERED WHEN GA DETERMINES WHICH CONSTITUTED GOVT INSIDE CAMBODIA WIELDS AUTHORITY OVER MAJORITY OF CAMBODIAN PEOPLE." TO THOSE SEIZED OF QUESTION, HE WOULD PROPOSE DRAFT RES UNDER WHICH GA WOULD APPEAL TO LON NOL AND SIHANOUK TO NEGOTIATE FORMATION OF PROVISIONAL NATIONAL GOVT WITH VIEW TO ULTIMATELY ASCERTAINING WISHES OF CAMBODIAN PEOPLE.

NUR ELMI (SOMALIA) CONTENDED LON NOL GOVT WAS PUPPET REGIME SET UP BY US, AND HE REGRETTED CREDENTIALS COMITE ACCEPTED CREDENTIALS OF THAT REGIME. HE FULLY SUPPORTED AMENDMENT ON PORTUGUESE CREDENTIALS, BUT HE DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND MEANING OF SAUDI ARABIA SUB-AMENDMENT.

RAHAL (ALGERIA) REITERATED ALGERIAN POSITION ON CAMBODIA, INCLUDING VIEW 1970 COUP WAS TO PROVIDE US WITH MILITARY BASES IN FIGHT AGAINST VIETNAMESE, AND DECLARED CREDENTIALS OF KHMER GROUP MUST BE CANCELLED. HE SAID LEGAL STATUS OF CREDENTIALS WOULD BE IN QUESTION UNDER SAUDI ARABIAN SUGGESTION, BUT IF IT WERE INTERPRETED AS SUSPENDING SEAT OF KHMER REP UNTIL GA DECLARED SELF ON LEGAL CAMBODIAN GOVT IT MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE.

CHUANG YEN (CHINA) RECALLED CHINESE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN CREDENTIALS COMITE ON "LON NOL CLIQUE," AND SAID SOME DELS RESORTED TO "SNEAK ATTACK" IN DEBATE. TURNING "TRUTH UPSIDE DOWN," US HAD SPOKEN OF BIG POWER HEGEMONY IN CAMBODIA, BUT HE CONSIDERED STATEMENT "FANTASTIC" AND MORE FULLY DESCRIPTIVE OF US POLICY IN CAMBODIA. IN HIS VIEW, CREDENTIALS OF "LON NOL CLIQUE" WERE NULL AND VOID. HE SAID CREDENTIALS COMITE REPORT ON PORTUGAL WAS IN CONFLICT WITH DECOLONIZATION DECLARATION, AND HE SUPPORTED TANZANIAN AMENDMENT.

CHARLES (HAITI), ON POINT OF ORDER, PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING BECAUSE OF NUMBER OF COMPLEX AMENDMENTS WHICH DELS UNCLASSIFIED

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NEEDED TIME TO STUDY. ACTING PRES OBSERVED 10 MORE SPEAKERS LISTED AND IF MEETING DID NOT CONTINUE GA WOULD HAVE TO MEET ON SATURDAY. HAITIAN PROPOSAL WAS PUT TO VOTE AND APPROVED 50-46-22, AND GA ADJOURNED UNTIL A.M. DEC. 14. (REPEATED INFO PHNOM PENH)

-- COMITE 2 RECOMMENDATIONS ON UNEP --

FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED TO UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL: ARGENTINA (127 VOTES), CANADA (116), CHINA (127), CZECHOSLOVAKIA (124), FRANCE (114), GABON (120), GHANA (127), GUATEMALA (111), INDONESIA (126), IVORY COAST (124), JAMAICA (127), LEBANON (127), MOROCCO (124), PHILIPPINES (123), SIERRA LEONE (127), SPAIN (122), SWEDEN (114), SYRIA (125), AND YUGOSLAVIA (127).

ON ITEM 50 (A/9402) ON UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM, ALL EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE RELATED TO RES II ON COOPERATION INFIELD OF ENVIRONMENT CONCERNING NATURAL RESOURCES SHARED BY TWO OR MORE STATES. PARAGUAYAN REP SAID IT LACKED FEASIBILITY, CLARITY AND OBJECTIVITY AND IGNORED REGIONAL BODIES, AND HE REFERRED TO AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY HIS COUNTRY WITH BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA. CHILEAN REP WAS CONCERNED WITH INTER-

PRETATION OF THIRD OP PARA OF THAT RES AND WOULD ABSTAIN.
BRAZILIAN REP SAID IT LACKED BALANCE AND DID NOT REALLY
REFER TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS; HISTORICAL PRACTICE AND COMMON
SENSE SHOWED MATTER FELL UNDER BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL
AREAS; AND RES RAN COUNTER TO CHARTER.

BOLIVIAN REP WOULD VOTE AGAINST RES II ON UNEP BECAUSE IT
IGNORED SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND WOULD UNDERMINE TREATIES BETWEEN
NEIGHBORING STATES. ARGENTINE REP SUPPORTED SYSTEM OF PRIOR
CONSULTATION WHICH RES WOULD PROVIDE; RES WOULD ESTABLISH
PRINCIPLE OF INTEREST TO WHOLE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY;
AND NOTHING COULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE THAN TO ENTRUST TO UNEP
GC FUNCTION OF PROMOTING SUCH COOPERATION. CANADA, PERU
AND MEXICO SUPPORTED RES, TURKISH REP REITERATED RESERVATIONS,
ECUADOREAN REP SAID RES SHOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE WORK OF LOS
CONFERENCE, AND ETHIOPIAN REP SAID HE WOULD ABSTAIN.

RESES RELATING TO UNEP WERE THEN VOTED AS FOLLOWS: RES I,
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DECIDING UN CONFERENCE/EXPOSITION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
TAKE PLACE IN VANCOUVER MAY 31-JUNE 11, 1976 AND ESTABLISHING
COMITE OF NOT MORE THAN 58 HIGHLY QUALIFIED REPS TO PREPARE
EVENT -- 116-0-11. ARGENTINA ANNOUNCED PARAGUAY NO LONGER
MEMBER OF PREPCOM AND ECUADOR AND T/T WOULD BE REPRESENTING
LA'S. NZ VOTED FOR RES IN EXPECTATION OBSERVERS COULD
PARTICIPATE IN PREPCOM.

RES II ON COOPERATION IN FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT CONCERNING
NATURAL RESOURCES SHARED BY TWO OR MORE STATES -- 77(ROMANIA)
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